

## Housing Market Trends Shift in 2025: Sales Decline Signals Growing Economic Pressure, Says ForeclosureListings.com

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, July 7, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The U.S. housing market is heading toward what some experts warn could be the worst year in decades—raising alarm not only in real estate but across the broader economy. Meredith Whitney, the Wall Street analyst who famously predicted the 2008 financial crisis, warns that the



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housing market's challenges are far from over and may only be beginning.

New data shows that U.S. home sales fell another 0.7% in May 2025, with April marking the slowest housing month since the aftermath of the 2009 crash. Whitney cautions that if the current trend continues, total home sales for the year could plunge below 4 million—a threshold not seen in years.

"This isn't just about real estate," Whitney said. "This is about the broader economy, consumer confidence, and the long-term stability of the American middle class."

Several factors are driving the downturn:

Soaring mortgage rates have priced millions of potential buyers out of the market. Rising insurance premiums and property taxes are squeezing homeowners nationwide.

A generational divide has left more than 60% of U.S. housing inventory in the hands of Baby Boomers, making it increasingly difficult for first-time buyers to enter the market.

The impact goes far beyond home sales. Fewer people moving means fewer renovations, less retail spending on home goods, and a broader slowdown in economic activity. Some economists are warning of an "economic stall" in the second half of 2025 if these trends persist. Even potential Federal Reserve interest rate cuts may not be enough to reverse the market's trajectory. "Don't count on rate cuts to save the housing market," Whitney emphasized.

In this environment, the <u>foreclosure</u> market is showing signs of rising activity. As affordability worsens and financial stress builds, analysts expect increases in <u>foreclosures</u>, <u>short sales</u>, <u>and distressed property listings</u>.

ForeclosureListings.com, with over 25 years of experience, is already seeing these early warning signs. The platform continues to connect buyers and investors with foreclosure opportunities and now also features non-foreclosure fixer-uppers through a trusted network of brokers. These properties can provide affordable entry points for buyers seeking value in today's volatile market.

For investors, first-time buyers, and anyone looking to take advantage of market shifts, staying informed and acting decisively has never been more critical.

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